PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
10 November 1954 10/0610Z	Townsend, Massachusetts
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: METEOR
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 -3 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Spherical in shape. Yellow or orange. Tail flame or fire. No sound. Level flight perhaps rising from 10-20 deg elevation
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)	
AREA REPORTED ON: Near Townsend, Massachusetts	FROM (Agency): Air Force Cambridge Research Center Bedford, Massachusetts
DATE OF REPORT: 10 Nov 54 / DATE OF INFORMATION: 11 Nov 54	EVALUATION:
PREPARED BY (Officer): Richard P. Hines, Chief Technical Information Section	SOURCE: Civilian Interview
REFERENCES: AFR 200-2, dtd 12 August 1952	

SUMMARY:

1. The statement of the preparing officer and the short period of observation indicates a strong possibility that the sighting may have been a jet aircraft in a glide with reduced power.

2. In view of the comments of the preparing officer, a follow-up field investigation is deemed unnecessary.

APPROVED:

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10 November 1954	10 November 1954	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Richard P. Hines, Chief Technical Information Section	Civilian Interview

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFR 200-2, dtd 12 August 1954

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

INTERVIEW:

(1) (a) Object spherical in shape.

(b) Object was quite large, size of basketball from observed distance.

(c) Object seemed to be a yellow or orange color.

(d) One.

(e) Negative.

(f) Negative.

(g) A pronounced and distinct tail of flame or fire extending rearward. Comparative size not evaluated.

(h) No sound heard.

(i) Negative.

(2) (a) Observers became visually aware of object as it flew in front of observers' vehicle at approximately a right angle to the course they were traveling.

(b) Between 10° and 20° of the horizon.

(c) Same.

(d) Approximately level flight or slightly climbing altitude. Estimated 300 to 400 feet altitude.

(e) Disappeared behind trees lining the road on which observers were traveling.

(f) Two to three seconds.

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(3) (a) Ground Visual.

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(4) (a) 0610Z, 10 November 1954.

(b) Dawn

(5) (a) Observers riding in vehicle on Route 13 (Mass.) nearing Townsend, Massachusetts.

(6) (a) [redacted], Manchester, N. H. Occupation: Foundry worker. [redacted], Manchester, N. H. Occupation: Foundry worker.

(7) (a) Clear, bright dawn sky.

(b) AWS, Bedford (L. G. Hanscom Field) Massachusetts. Time: From 2400 hours 9 November 1954 to 1100 hours 10 November 1954.

Wind direction and velocities (approx):

S/L to 10,000': N. W. - calm to 5K
10,000' to 25,000': N. at 5K to N. W. at 35K
25,000' to 40,000': W. at 60K
40,000' to : W. at 75K to 100K

(c) Unlimited

(d) Clear, 15 miles or better at all altitudes.

(e) None.

(f) None.

(8) (a) None observed or known.

(9) (a) None.

(10) (a) Negative.

(11) (a) Preparing Officer, Richard P. Hines, Chief, Technical Information Section, Acting AF Cambridge Research Center, Intelligence Officer.

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(11) (b) Comments:

1. Object was observed under minimum light condition, over extremely short flight distance and time. Observers state object traveling at a high rate of speed. Hence, is questionable if further questioning of observers would elicit more detail of UFOB.

2. L. G. Hanscom Field at Bedford, Massachusetts reported no jet aircraft operating in the reported vicinity at reported time.

3. Jet aircraft operating from other nearby installations is a possibility.

(12) (a) Negative.

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